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BELTON 'HEAD SHOP' OWNER PLEADS GUILTY TO SELLING DRUG PARAPHERNALIA

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that the owner of Bizarre Boutique in Belton, Mo., pleaded guilty in federal court today to conspiracy to sell drug paraphernalia.

Kevin J. VanTrump, 35, of Peculiar, Mo., pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Howard F. Sachs this morning in Kansas City.

By pleading guilty, **VanTrump** admitted that he conspired to sell drug paraphernalia – glass and water pipes – from Dec. 14, 2001, to May 7, 2003. **VanTrump** admitted that he sold the drug paraphernalia at his locally owned business Bizarre Boutiques, which is located at 320 Main St., in Belton.

VanTrump was originally charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on June 29, 2004, in Kansas City.

Under federal statutes, **VanTrump** may be subject to a sentence of up to three years in federal prison without parole, plus a fine up to \$250,000.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Catherine A. Connelly. It was investigated by the Belton, Mo., Police Department.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at

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